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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.

☐ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of _____ sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

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I. Basis of the report

1. This report has been drawn on the basis of *(Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain amendments.)*:

- ☒ the international application as originally filed.
- ☐ the description, pages _____, as originally filed,
 pages _____, filed with the demand,
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____,
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____.
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____, as originally filed,
 Nos. _____, as amended under Article 19,
 Nos. _____, filed with the demand,
 Nos. _____, filed with the letter of _____,
 Nos. _____, filed with the letter of _____.
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/fig _____, as originally filed,
 sheets/fig _____, filed with the demand
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2. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/fig _____

3. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

4. Additional observations, if necessary:

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-11</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-11</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-11</u>	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

The invention relates to a method and an equipment for equalising temperature differences in molten glass in at least one temperature equalising zone, in the form of a channel, intended to transport a glass melt. Resistor heating elements are provided in the temperature equalisation zone walls, bottom and roof.

The following documents are cited in the International Search Report:

D1: US 4622059 A
D2: DE 3528332 A1
D3: US 4655812 A

Cited document D1 relates to an apparatus for controlling the temperature in and thermally conditioning molten glass within a forehearth.

Cited document D2 relates to a method and an apparatus for electrically heating a channel intended for transporting a glass melt.

Cited document D3 relates to a forehearth for a glass furnace, including electric heating elements positioned in bores in the roof blocks.

None of the cited documents includes that resistor heating elements are provided in the temperature equalisation zone walls, bottom and roof, and that the temperatures of said walls, bottom and roof are caused to be measured and controlled by an electric controller, which the application does.

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Supplemental Box

(To be used when the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient)

Continuation of: V.

With the apparatus and method described in the application a glass melt with more uniform temperature than with conventional apparatus and methods is provided, this in turn provides a substantial increase in yield of the product to be manufactured.

Thus, the claimed invention is novel, is considered to involve an inventive step and to have industrial applicability.

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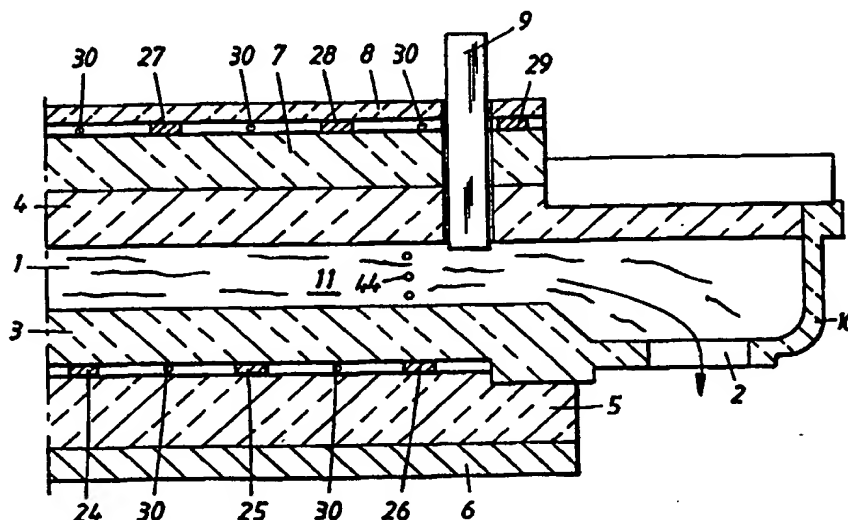
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(54) Title: METHOD FOR EQUALIZING TEMPERATURE DIFFERENCES IN MOLTEN GLASS, AND EQUIPMENT THEREFOR



(57) Abstract

Method for equalizing temperature differences in molten glass in at least one temperature equalization zone in the form of a channel (1) intended for transporting a glass melt, said zone being located upstream from a tapping point (2) at which the glass is tapped into a mould in a forming machine or the like. The invention is characterized in that resistor heating elements (16-19; 18, 19; 24-29) are provided in the temperature equalization zone walls (12, 13), bottom (14) and roof (15), and in that the temperatures of the surfaces of the respective walls, bottom and roof in contact with the resistor heating elements are caused to be measured, and in that said resistor heating elements are caused to be controlled by an electric controller (31-34) so that the temperatures of said surfaces are caused to be equal or largely equal to a predetermined tapping temperature of the glass melt.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	US 4622059 A (GEORGE W. BROWN), 11 November 1986 (11.11.86), whole document --	1-11
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